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SUBJ: FOREIGN MINISTER'S REPORT ON BUKAVU MEETING

1. IN FAREWELL CALL ON FONMIN MWAANGA JULY 31 HE GAVE ME DETAILED RUNDOWN OF BUKAVU MEETING, INCLUDING NETO'S, ABRUPT DECISION TO RESIGN FROM MPLA WHICH REUTERS HAD BRIEFLY MENTIONED IN ITS DISPATCHES. MWAANGA SAID ZAMBIANS HAD CONSIDERABLE TROUBLE PERSUADING PRESIDENT MOBUTU TO ACCEPT NETO ON ZAIRE SOIL WITHOUT FIRST RECANTING PREVIOUS "INSULTS" AGAINST ZAIRE PRESIDENT. NEVERTHELESS, ZAIRE RELUCTANTLY AGREED AND NETO WENT IN PLANE WITH KAUNDA AND MWAANGA BUT WITH SERIOUS QUALMS ABOUT HIS OWN PERSONAL SECURITY. THESE OVERCOME ON ARRIVAL WHEN MOBUTU EXTENDED PROPER BUT RESTRAINED WELCOME.

2. WHEN MPLA REPRESENTATIVES FAILED TO AGREE AMONG THEMSELVES ON UNITY QUESTION BECAUSE OF STRONG DIFFERENCES AMONG FACTIONS AT BUKAVU, PRESIDENTS ADJOURNED TO TAKE MATTER UP. WHEN THEY RETURNED TO  
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MAKE THEIR STATEMENT, NETO INTERRUPTED TO ANNOUNCE HIS

INTENTION TO RESIGN. SAID HIS AUTHORITY OVER MPLA WEAKENED, HIS PRIDE HURT AND HE FELT PRICE HAD TO BE PAID FOR UNITY. HIS "ACTUAL DIRECTION" FACTION WOULD CONTINUE LEADERLESS. HEADS OF FOUR GOVERNMENTS ACCEPTED NETO'S STATEMENT BUT SOME THOUGHT IT BEST NO RPT NO PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT BE MADE, AND THAT NETO STILL BE ALLOWED TO ATTEND MPLA CONGRESS IN LUSAKA, EVEN THOUGH HE WOULD NOT SPEAK FOR HIS FACTION.

3. THIS PRESENTED SECOND THORNY ISSUE AS ZAIRE ANNOUNCED IT WOULD NOT ATTEND AS OBSERVER TO MPLA CONGRESS TO BE CONVENED IN LUSAKA WITHIN NEXT TEN DAYS IF NETO IN ATTENDANCE. ZAIRE REPORTEDLY CONCEDED A SECOND TIME UNDER FURTHER PERSUASION FROM ZAMBIA.

4. MWAANGA DOES NOT FEEL THAT PINTO ANDRADE (WHO HAS BEEN OUT OF ACTION SO LONG WHILE IN JAIL) WILL BE A SERIOUS THREAT TO CHIPENDA FOR LEADERSHIP OF MPLA NOW THAT NETO HAS WITHDRAWN. (PRESUMABLY HIS WITHDRAWAL WILL BE MADE TO APPEAR AS OUTGROWTH OF CONGRESS PROCEEDINGS. AS FOR FAILURE OF SAVIMBI OF UNITA TO PARTICIPATE AT BUKAVU MEETING, MWAANGA SAID IT WAS PHYSICALLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIM TO GET TO BUKAVU IN TIME. HE SPOKE OF SAVIMBI IN FRIENDLY TERMS, HAVING KNOWN HIM FROM DAYS WHEN HE WAS ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER IN PROVISIONAL GRAE GOVERNMENT OF ANGOLA AND CONTINUING TO MAINTAIN CORRESPONDENCE WITH HIM ALTHOUGH SURPRISED SAVIMBI SENT COPY OF RECENT LETTER TO TIMES OF ZAMBIA (LUSAKA 1508). WILKOWSKI

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